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Identical letters dated 24 February 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit herewith a statement, dated 23 February 2018, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the death of Archil Tatunashvili, a citizen of Georgia who was detained by the Russian occupation regime (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the death of Archil Tatunashvili, a citizen of Georgia detained by the Russian occupation regime

23 February 2018

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia expresses deep sorrow over the death of citizen of Georgia Archil Tatunashvili in Tskhinvali detained by Russian occupation regime on February 22, 2018 and expresses condolences to his family.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the death of Archil Tatunashvili followed after unlawful activities of the occupation regime and according to the existing information, the detention of two more Georgian citizens Levan Kutashvili and Ioseb Pavliashvili.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia appeals to the Co-chairs of the Geneva International Discussions to make due and timely reaction, with the aim to determine the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Tatunashvili, immediately release detainees and give appropriate reaction to this grave fact, for which the Russian Federation is directly responsible, as a force exercising full control on the ground.

Such illegal actions by the occupation regime, victims of which become Georgian citizens, reveals the necessity of immediate creation of international security and human right mechanisms on the ground.

Intensified illegal provocative steps by the Russian Federation, including eradication of barbed-wire fences and other artificial barriers along the occupation line, restriction of freedom of movement and detentions, human rights violations and ethnic discrimination further complicates severe security and humanitarian situation on the ground, deliberately hinders the process of peaceful conflict resolution presents a source of instability and a threat to Georgia as well as the whole region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia appeals to the international community to give due assessment to the tragic incident as well as actions taken by the Russian occupation regime and give a proper reaction.

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